31st January 1931]

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 347 asked by Mr. H. M. Jagannatham at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 31st January 1931, page 718 supra.]

Copy of letter from the Collector of Chingleput, R.O.C. No. 9140-30, *dated the* 23rd *December* 1930.

I enclose a statement which will show at a glance the extent of loss of cattle and of human lives and damage to irrigation sources, houses and local fund and Government property.

2. The total number of irrigation sources both major and minor that have breached and been damaged is given in the margin. The tanks in the Chingleput division are the most affected. An amount of nearly two lakhs of rupees will be required to restore the minor irrigation tanks alone and at least three additional Minor Irrigation Overseers will be required for the purpose of putting these tanks in order. I shall submit a separate application for additional allotment required in the current year.

Madurantakam	202
Chingleput	174
Conjeeveram	99
Ponneri	31
Tiruvallur	10
Sriperumbudur	53

3. There has not been much loss of human lives fortunately. Only two young girls were killed in a house collapse.

4. Five hundred and eighty-six heads of cattle have been lost.

5. The number of houses damaged is heavy in Madurantakam, Ponneri, Chingleput and Conjeeveram taluks.

6. As regards local fund property portions of the Great Southern Trunk Road in Madurantakam taluk and various other roads in Conjeeveram taluk have been badly damaged. The bridge over the Kallar river near the 49th mile on the Great Southern Trunk Road has been practically washed away and it is understood that the District Board will attend to it shortly.

7. The extent of damage to crops is not much except in Madurantakam, Chingleput and Ponneri taluks. Alivu re-cultivation charges will have to be remitted on a large scale. As matters stand at present no suspension of collection of kist seems necessary.

8. A meeting was convened on 8th December 1930 in the District Board meeting hall, Saidapet, for collecting funds for granting relief to those in distress. About Rs. 6,500 has been actually collected so far. The Public Works Department Secretariat Party very kindly enacted a drama in aid of the flood relief fund under the distinguished patronage and in the immediate presence of H. A. B. Vernon, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., and nearly Rs. 1,000 was collected. I hope to collect another sum of Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 6,000 shortly.

9. The Ramakrishna Mission very kindly and readily acceded to my request to undertake relief measures in the taluks of Ponneri and Madurantakam and a sum of Rs. 4,000 has been placed at their disposal. They are doing splendid work in these taluks.

10. Local committees are being formed in the remaining taluks and the amount collected will be spent through these committees in these taluks.

11. The relief measures consist of the following items :—

(1) Grant of building materials.
(2) Grant of mud utensils.
(3) Provision of food and clothing where necessary.

12. The Tahsildars and Revenue Divisional Officers have been asked to give building materials such as trees and palmyra leaves liberally to persons deserving them and to co-operate without reserve with the Ramakrishna Mission.

Enclosure

Statement showing loss of cattle and human lives and damages to irrigation sources, houses and local fund and Government property caused by the recent cyclone.

Taluks.	Loss of		Damage to tanks.				Amount required for closing breaches and repairing minor irrigation tanks.	Damage to houses and property.	Damage to local fund and Government property.
			Public Works Department.		Minor irrigation.				
	Cattle.	Human beings.	Breached.	Damaged.	Breached.	Damaged.			
							RS.		
Madurantakam ..	530	..	46	16	109	31	1,00,000	1,271 houses	The Great Southern Trunk Road near Kallar river (49th mile) and near Perumbair (63rd mile), Cheyyur, Acharapakkam, Chunampet and Nelvoy roads have been washed away by floods. The cost of repairing the roads is roughly Rs. 20,000. The roofs of the ryots' shed and the sub-jail kitchen have been damaged and the estimated cost of repairs is Rs. 200. Six pounds have been damaged and Rs. 1,300 will be required to put them in order.
Chingleput .	24	..	17	80	39	88	67,600	502 houses	Portions of the northern wall of the ruins of the Dutch Governor's bungalow in Meyyur opposite to Sadras fort have collapsed. Three cattle pounds have been slightly affected.
Conjeeveram ..	16	2 girls.	48	..	51	..	16,100	431 houses	Portions of local fund roads in Perungoli, Malliangaranai, Uttiramerur, Vedapalayam and Perunagar and in some other places have been damaged. The cost of repairs is estimated at Rs. 75,000.
Ponneri	16 1 buffalo. 14 pigs. 1 ass.	..	17 Kortalayar river bank.	..	14 Arani river bank.	..	2,200	912 houses. Bazaar articles worth Rs. 107 and two bundles of cloths from washermen's houses are reported to have been washed away in the floods.	The cost of repairs to local fund roads is estimated at Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 3,000.
Sriperumbudur ..	Nil.	..	..	23	15	15	7,500	Not appreciable.	
Saidapet	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Complete report has not been received. This taluk has not been much affected.	
Tiruvallur	Nil.	..	3	3	3	1	480	170 houses	Periakuppam road dam by the side of Tiruvallur railway station has been affected.